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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 104 and 117 as follows:

104. (Amended) The method of claim 97, wherein at least one of the DNA segments comprising an open reading frame is produced *in vitro* and then non-covalently linked to the promoter *in vitro*.